



Birmingham **COMEDY** Festival

4-13 Oct
2019

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**VIVA! VEGAN
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SUN 27 OCT
BARBARA NICE

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Fri 4 Oct:

Fern Brady: Power & Chaos

Known for being totally unique and completely fearless, Fern's new show tackles sexuality, feminism, power, Brexit, Britishness, Scottishness and nationality, all with her caustic wit, exceptional writing and electric stagecraft.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £12. 6.45pm. glee.co.uk

Thu 3 to Sat 5 Oct:

New Old Friends present:

Crimes On The Coast

A secluded island hotel just off the English coast becomes a



crime scene, as a scandal-inducing femme-fatale is felled. All the guests are suspects, but are they alone and is all quite what it seems? A comedy thriller directed by James Farrell (The 39 Steps) and inspired by Agatha Christie, Noel Coward and PG Wodehouse.

The Old Rep Theatre, Station St, Bham B5 4DY. T: 0121 359 9444.

£17. Thu-Fri 7.30pm; Sat 2.30pm, 7.30pm. www.oldreptheatre.co.uk

Fri 4 Oct: Birmingham Comedy Festival and The Glee Club present:

Birmingham Comedy Festival Breaking Talent Award 2019

The West Mids'

biggest comedy prize is back! A hand-picked selection of the very best emerging acts from across the

region compete for the prestigious annual title. MC'd by James Cook and featuring a closing set from Fern Brady.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £11, £8. 8:30pm. glee.co.uk www.bhamcomfest.co.uk



Fri 4 Oct:

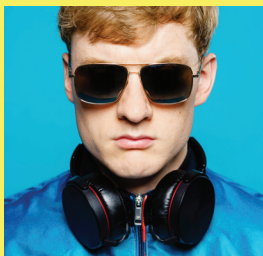
James Acaster:

Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999

A whimsical master, Acaster has received acclaim from around the world, including a record breaking, five consecutive nominations for Best Comedy Show at the 2012-2016 Edinburgh Fringe Festivals.

Town Hall, Victoria Sq, Bham B3 3DQ. T: 0121

780 3333. £21.50/ Sold out, returns only. 7.30pm. www.thsh.co.uk



Fri 4 Oct:

**Best Of Brum Comedy
Showcase No.1**

With Lovdev
Barpaga,
Hannah
Silvester, Adam
Elmi, Tom Ham
and more! The
award-winning
Cherrybomb



Comedy showcase some of their favourite acts from Birmingham and the West Midlands.

**Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St,
Bham B1 1BL. T: 0121 643 5716.**

£5. 8pm.

www.cherryredscomedy.co.uk

Fri 4 to Sat 5 Oct:

**Awkward Conversations With
Animals I've F*cked**

Awkward Productions present their critically acclaimed production of Rob Hayes' dark comedy about love, acceptance and boundaries. One-night stands are awkward. One-night

stands with animals are even more awkward. And when you're as desperate for love as Bobby is, things are bound to get as awkward as f*ck.

**Old Joint Stock Theatre, 4 Temple
Row West, Bham B2 5NY. T: 0121
200 0946. £13. 8pm.**

www.oldjointstock.co.uk



Fri 4 to Sat 13 Oct:

The Art Of Steve Lilly

Award-winning Brum artist Steve celebrates the greats of comedy TV and film, with finely detailed pencil drawings of Laurel



and Hardy, Tony Hancock, Dad's Army and more.

Back To Backs, 55-63 Hurst St, Bham B5 4TE. T: 0121 622 2442. Free (NT), £9.50. Adv bookings only. Tue-Thu 1pm-5pm; Fri-Sun 10am-5pm. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Fri 4-Sat 5 Oct:

Eddy Brimson, Alfie Brown, David Trent, Joanne McNally

Featuring Ireland's fastest rising comedy star Joanne McNally, the philosophical Alfie Brown, the intense David Trent, and the compelling Eddy Brimson.



The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £12-£26. 7.45pm. glee.co.uk

Sat 5 Oct:

Beer & Film Night: South Park Bigger Longer and Uncut

Stan, Kyle, Cartman and Kenny (until some b*stard kills him) return to the big screen to

Sat 5 Oct:

Jonathan Pie: The Fake News Tour

If no news is good news, then good news is fake news! The



exasperated news reporter returns to berate the people in power - and the journalists apparently holding them to account. Jonathan Pie has been described as 'brilliant, brave, raw and analytical without forgetting to be funny' by Ricky Gervais. With over 1.2 million Facebook followers, his videos regularly achieve millions of views going viral internationally.

Symphony Hall, Broad St, Bham B1 2EA. T: 0121 780 3333. £20.50-£27.50. 7.30pm. www.thsh.co.uk

celebrate their 20th anniversary. Hear the world's most foul



mouthed kids, toe-tapping tunes, an accurate portrayal of Saddam Hussein's love life, and a beer brewed especially for the occasion.

The Electric Cinema, 47-49 Station St, Bham B5 4DY. T: 0121 643 7879. £13.50-£18. 8.30pm. www.theelectric.co.uk

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**Upfront
Comedy**
Sun 6 Oct



Jonathan Pie
Sat 26 Oct



**John
Robins**
Thu 14 Nov



**Shazia
Mirza**
Sun 17 Nov



**An Evening
with Lenny
Henry**
Sun 17 Nov



Suzi Ruffell
Fri 6 Dec



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Sun 6 Oct: **Birmingham Comedy Festival FREE Half-Dayer Part 1**

All shows are FREE/ by donation/ Pay What You Want. No booking required, just pop along and see as many shows as you like ...

▼ **CHERRY REDS** ▼

Lovdev Barpaga: Pun Jabi

Do you like one-liners? Even though it's proper daft? Lovdev promises a show brimming crazy stories and old-fashioned jokes. **1.15pm**

I'm Still Standing By Elton John By Eric Rushton

Don't you know? Eric Rushton is still standing. Better than he ever did. Looking like a true survivor, feeling like a little kid. Join him for an hour of fast-paced, irony-laced, celibacy-based comedy. **2.30pm**



Hannah Silvester: Unmentionables

Once again Hannah airs her dirty linen in public. Join her as she swears to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. **3.45pm**

Jay Droch: #funnybrownman

For his first 1hr special, Jay presents his unique perspective on life, inspired by the multicultural melting pot that his home town - Birmingham! **5pm**



**Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright Street,
Birmingham B1 1BN**

▼ **THE VICTORIA** ▼

Rachel Burns: I Started A Joke

When Rachel tweeted about Barry Gibb performing loads of covers at Glastonbury, she had no idea of the farce that would ensue. A story of going accidentally viral. **1.15pm**



Susan Murray: How Not To Die In A Plane Crash

Fasten your seat belts for a darkly hilarious and deliciously bumpy ride. The antidote to boring, life-affirming, feel-good motivational comedy with useful death defying survival tips and fantastic jokes. **2.30pm**



Rob Kemp: Jokes. Probably.

Rob's planning his next show. But conception of an idea is one thing, whereas dragging it to completion is something else entirely. He is a trier though, so whatever it'll be, it'll be weird. And new. **3.45pm**

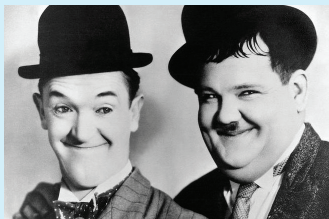


Good Kids

Renegade double-act Good Kids return with their highly-anticipated new show. Expect songs, sketches, characters and a flippin' great time. **5pm**



**The Victoria, John Bright Street,
Birmingham B1 1BN**



Sun 6 Oct:

Birmingham Comedy Festival presents:

Stan and Ollie: Back On The Big Screen

Celebrating the greatest double-act of all time, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, with three classic films: *Twice Two*, *County Hospital*, and the much-loved *Way Out West*. Presented by John Ullah, Grand Sheik of the Birmingham branch of the Laurel and Hardy Appreciation Society.

Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Bham B12 9QH. T: 0121 446 3232. From £8.50. 2.30pm.
macbirmingham.co.uk
bhamcomfest.co.uk



Sun 6 Oct: **Josh Pugh: Maybe The Real Comedy Awards Are The Friends We Made Along The Way**

Birmingham Comedy Festival Breaking Talent Award 2015 and English Comedian of the Year 2016 Winner Josh Pugh presents his latest solo show.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD T: 0871 472 0400. £8. 6.15pm. glee.co.uk

Sun 6 Oct:

Pam Ayres Up In The Attic

National treasure Pam has been making the nation laugh for over 40 years. Expect to hear poems from her new book, *Up In The Attic* (published September 2019), along with classic poems and stories from her long career.

Town Hall, Victoria Sq, Bham B3 3DQ. T: 0121 780 3333. £22.50. 7.30pm. www.thsh.co.uk





Sun 6 Oct:

Jay Rayner: My Last Supper

In his barnstorming new show food critic, journalist and broadcaster Rayner investigates our fascination with last suppers, and tells the stories of the killer dishes that would end up on his table. Plus, the audience get to design their own last meal.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £8. 7:15pm. glee.co.uk

Mon 7 Oct: Useful Idiot New Material Night

A host of established and emerging comics test out their brand new material for the very first time!



Loki Wine Edgbaston, 10 Greenfield Cres, Bham B15 3AU. T: 0121 455 0793. Free. 7.30pm. www.fatpenguinimprov.com

Mon 7 Oct:

Laugh Till It Hurts: A BDSM Comedy Show

Like 50 Shades Of Grey, but funny on purpose. The story of one comedian's adventure into the dark and crazy world of fetish and kink in Bristol.



Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. T: 0121 643 5716. Donations/ PWYW. 8pm. www.facebook.com/laughhurts

Tue 8 Oct:

Big Time

Despite a long career in showbiz, Danny Clives has never been a celebrity.



Join stand-up

Danny and sketch duo Good Kids for the final episode of Danny's ill-fated late-night chat show Big Time. The TV execs have pulled the plug, but what do they know? Answer: How to make successful television.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. T: 0121 643 5716. Free/ donation. 8pm. www.goodkidscomedy.co.uk/bigtime



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**Tue 8 Oct: Rachel Sambrooks:
Stand By Your Nan**

Rachel's grandmother was a Brummie with a few tricks up her sleeve. The original Educating Rita-meets-Buddha of Suburbia pretended to be an ordinary working-class housewife whilst she went on strange spiritual quests and got an art degree at 88. A nostalgic, friendly show where you enter as strangers and leave as part of the family.

**Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Bham B12 9QH. T: 0121 446 3232. £8, £5 concs. 7.30pm.
www.rachelsambrooks.com**

**Wed 9 Oct: Cherry Shreds
New Material Night**

Josh Pugh, Graham Milton, Good Kids, James Cook, Celya AB and Craig Deeley pit their new jokes against The Shredder! You laugh? It survives! You don't? It gets shredded! Hosted by Tom Ham.

**Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BL. T: 0121 643 5716. £5. 8pm.
www.cherryredscomedy.co.uk**

**Wed 9 Oct: Kamikaze Club's
Birmingham Comedy Bonanza**

The Kamikaze Club invite some of their absolute favourite acts from the city and across the West Midlands, including Lou LeVell, Benjamin Black, Darren Archer, Doug Carter, Tal Davies, Eric Ruston and more.

**1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. T: 0121 233 2693.
Free. 8pm. facebook.com/
TheKamikazeClub**



Wed 9 Oct:

Everything Is Terrible Live

Since the dawn of time, man has searched for answers, and failed. But the fog of existence has finally cleared thanks to the eternal fruits of your favourite found footage collective, Everything Is Terrible! Join your bedazzled Dadgods for an all-new live show, featuring never before seen puppets and costumes.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £15. 7.45pm. glee.co.uk

Wed 9 Oct:

Boothby Graffoe

Boothby doesn't often appear live these days, save for supporting Canadian superstars Barenaked

Ladies on tours round Britain. A singer, songwriter and playwright, he's particularly known for his surreal sense of humour.



Comedy Junction, Station Pub, 44 Station St, Sutton Coldfield B73 6AT. £10. 8.30pm.
www.comedyjunction.co.uk

Wed 9 Oct:

Fat Penguin Comedy Club

MC Jay Handley introduces some of the best comics in the UK for another great night.

The Patrick Kavanagh, 142 Trafalgar Rd, Moseley, Bham B13 8BX.
T: 0121 455 0793. Free. 8.30pm.
fatpenguincomedyclub.weebly.com

Wed 9 Oct:

Medium Rare Productions: Mistress To The Midnight

Join the Sinema Society for a live stage spoof of the classic British horror film. A previously missing movie uncovered after decades from the now long lost Anvil Studios. Written by award-winning comedians and purveyors of terror Jack



Robertson, Jacob Lovick and Chazz Redhead, and now featuring Joel Heritage.

Old Joint Stock Theatre, 4 Temple Row West, Bham B2 5NY. T: 0121 200 1892. £12. 8pm
www.oldjointstock.co.uk

Wed 9 Oct: **Jumprov**

A night of live sketch comedy completely made up on the spot using your suggestions. Founded by Sunny Dhap, Jumprov is the UK's first ethnically diverse improv' theatre company.

Serve, Unit 5, 55a Temple Row, Bham B2 5LS. T: 0121 227 7000. £10. 8pm. www.jumprov.com



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Thu 10 Oct: **Alex Black's Record Collection**

Alex puts his teenage heroes to the test as he navigates heartbreak, existential crises and the tribulations of Aldi checkouts by squeezing new meaning out of his record collection.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BN. T: 0121 643 5716. PWYW. 8pm. www.facebook.com/alexblackcomedy/

Thu 10 Oct:

Absolute Culture Smash

Three of the best up-and-coming black and Asian comics on the Brum scene smash your perceptions of society and social acceptability. With the philosophical Luke Anthony McDonnell (aka Lukeman), 20-something Sachin Kumarendran and scattergun Sham Zaman.

The Church Inn, 22 Great Hampton St, Bham B18 6AQ. T: 0121 448 3866. £7 adv, £10 door. 7.30pm. tinyurl.com/abscultsmash



Thu 10 Oct:

Albert Smith: Boxer Shorts For Boris Johnson

An interactive show about boxer shorts, men's dilemmas and Brexit. Help Birmingham-based comedian Albert select a gift for Boris! Featuring audience participation, especially made underwear, and decisions about our clothing choices.

Eastside Projects, 86 Heath Mill Lane, Bham B9 4AR. T: 0121 771 1778. £4. 7.15pm.

www.eastsideprojects.org

Thu 10 Oct:

Samantha Pressdee: Covered

The only thing crazier than Sammie was the welfare state supposed to be helping her! Getting your needs met in austerity Britain is a game of Russian roulette. Will she beat the system?

The Blue Orange Theatre, 118 Great Hampton St, Bham B18 6AD. T: 0121 212 2643. £10, £7.50 concs. 7.30pm. blueorangetheatre.co.uk



**Thu 10 Oct: Fat Penguin
Improvised Comedy**

Some of the best improvisers in Birmingham take to the stage to deliver Fat Penguin Improv's own unique style of high energy, high concept comedy. With six-piece long-form improvised troupe OK Stop! and Allison.

The Patrick Kavanagh, 142 Trafalgar Rd, Moseley, Bham B13 8BX.

T: 0121 449 5176. Free. 8.30pm.

www.fatpenguinimprov.com

Thu 10 Oct:

**Footnotes Presents:
A Stand Up Showcase**

The University of Birmingham Footnotes Comedy Society with a comedy compedium featuring the finest student comics.

The Indie Lounge, 634 Bristol Rd, Bham B29 6BQ. £2 suggested donation. 7.30pm.

facebook.com/BFootnotes



Thu 10 Oct:

**Matt Hollins: I'm a Comedian,
Let Me Out of Here!**

Many years ago, deadpan comedian Matt got nominated for a coveted national comedy award whilst he languished as an inpatient on a psychiatric ward. A month later he was discharged and performed in the live final - and won! A tale of falling down, getting up



and falling down again. One comedians battle with mental health problems.

The Blue Orange Theatre, 118 Great Hampton St, Bham B18 6AD.

T: 0121 212 2643. £10, £7.50 concs. 9pm. blueorangetheatre.co.uk



**Thu 10 Oct: The Brand New
Full-Throated Adventures of
Reginald D Hunter**

Since his arrival in the UK Reginald's searingly honest observations have garnered him a cross-generational fan base. His work can be brutally honest and is often considered to be controversial, but it is always meticulously thought out and he has never been afraid to face challenging issues head on, even when the focus is on his own principles or beliefs

Old Joint Stock Theatre, 4 Temple Row West, Bham B2 5NY. T: 0121 200 0946. £20/ Sold out. 8pm. www.oldjointstock.co.uk

Thu 10 Oct: Comedy Carousel

Voted best comedy night in the Midlands three years running! A fast-paced and spontaneous show, featuring top stand-up comedians and a big screen to bring you the best bits from the weird world of the web. With your regular host Andy Robinson.

The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £6-£20. 7.30pm. glee.co.uk

Fri 11 Oct: Bring Your Own Baby: Birmingham Comedy Festival Special

BYOB is the UK's premier baby-friendly comedy club, featuring the funniest stars from the circuit and TV. There's also soft flooring, toys, buggy parking and baby changing, so that your baby is happy and you can relax, have a coffee (or cheeky G&T) and be entertained!

NB. comics perform their usual adult material, which is why there is a 15 month age limit for little laughers.

Town Hall, Victoria Sq, Bham B3 3DQ. T: 0121 780 3333. £10. 12pm. www.thsh.co.uk



Fri 11 Oct: Amy Vreeke: The Year My Vagina Tried To Kill Me

Comedian Amy was diagnosed with endometriosis in 2016. Now she's here to relive 12 years of misdiagnosis, toilet-based mishaps and failed one-night stands. Through bluntly delivered jokes, captivating storytelling and a little help from the Gilmore Girls, Amy explores the taboos that surround women's health and gives us an insight into a life with a chronic illness.

Artefact, 1464 Pershore Rd, Bham B30 2NT. PWYW. 8pm. www.artefactstirchley.co.uk

Fri 11 Oct: Best Of Brum Comedy Showcase No.2

Cherrybomb Comedy returns with their second showcase featuring Josh Pugh, Mary Flanagan, Eric Rushton, Tom Ham and guests.

Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright St, Bham B1 1BL. T: 0121 643 5716. £5. 8pm. www.cherryredscomedy.co.uk

A promotional poster for Jack Whitehall's 'Stood Up' UK Tour 2019. The background is a solid dark blue. In the center is a portrait of Jack Whitehall, a man with dark hair, a beard, and blue eyes, wearing a dark olive-green jacket over a black shirt. He is smiling and holding a blue microphone. Behind him are two faint, semi-transparent blue images of him in the same pose, one to the left and one to the right. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, in small white capital letters, is 'PHIL McINTYRE ENTERTAINMENTS PRESENTS'. Below that, the name 'JACK WHITEHALL' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. To the right of 'WHITEHALL', the words 'Stood Up' are written in a large, pink, cursive script. Below 'Stood Up' is 'UK TOUR 2019' in white capital letters. In the bottom left, the 'Arena BIRMINGHAM' logo is shown, with 'Arena' in a large, white, stylized font and 'BIRMINGHAM' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the arena logo, the dates '15 | 16 | 17 NOV' are displayed in large white capital letters. Below the dates is the phone number '0844 33 88 222*' in white. Underneath the phone number is a small line of text: '*Calls cost 7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge'. Below that is the website 'theticketfactory.com®' in white, with a small registered trademark symbol. At the very bottom, a horizontal line separates the footer from the rest of the poster. Below the line, the text 'JACKWHITEHALL.COM • #JACKWHITEHALL • ticketmaster.co.uk' is written in white, with dots separating the three items.

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Fri 11-Sat 12 Oct:

Henning Wehn: Getting On With It

You couldn't make it up; surely the German Comedy Ambassador Henning hasn't bosched out yet another new show? And what's he still doing here anyway? Well, his lack of transferable skills is what keeps him here and his belief that practise makes perfect is what keeps him going.

**Town Hall, Victoria Sq, Bham B3
3DQ. T: 0121 780 3333. £22.50.
8pm. www.thsh.co.uk**



Fri 11 Oct: **Impractical Jokers: The Cranjs McBasketball World Comedy Tour**

Famed for their hilariously outrageous hidden-camera dares and punishments, Murr, Q, Joe and Sal have created truTV's and Comedy Central's longest-running and top-rated original comedies. Join these Impractical Jokers for their latest arena-sized live show.

**Arena Birmingham, King Edward's
Rd, Bham B1 2AA. T: 0844 338
8222. £63.50-£35. 8pm.
arenabham.co.uk**

Fri 11-Sat 12 Oct:

Wound Up Theatre: It'll Be Alt-Right On The Night

Greeny and Stevo grew up punks. But they've changed. No, the world's changed. One's a soyboy, one's a fascist, and, in a world of trigger warnings and snowflakes, conservatism is the new punk rock. A story of social justice warriors and the far-right with a jazz-punk score. From the team behind last year's festival hit, the acclaimed Bismillah! An ISIS Tragicomedy.



**Old Joint Stock Theatre, 4 Temple
Row West, Bham B2 5NY. T: 0121
200 0946. £13. Fri 8pm; Sat 4pm,
8pm. www.oldjointstock.co.uk**

Fri 11-Sat 12 Oct:

**Micky P Kerr, Jay Lafferty,
Tom Ward, Josh Pugh**

Featuring Britain's Got Talent 2018 finalist Micky P Kerr, Scottish Comedy Awards 2019 winner Jay Lafferty, Chortle Best Newcomer Winner 2017 and People Talk podcast host Tom Ward, and Warwickshire's very own Josh Pugh.

**The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham
B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. £12-
£26. 8.15pm. glee.co.uk**



Sat 12 Oct:

**Mary Flanagan: Everyone
Dropped Out Of My Sketch
Troupe**

Standing in the wreckage of a five-piece sketch group,



one woman is determined to keep going. No one's asked her to, but that's not the point. Blending stand-up with sketch and characters, Mary directs her hysterical energy at anything and everything.

**1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St,
Bham B1 3HE. T: 0121 233 2693.
PWYW. 5pm. [facebook.com/
TheKamikazeClub](https://www.facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub)**

Sat 12 Oct:

Real Life Parenting: The Good, The Bad And The Funny

You have a baby, maybe you have two. Why not, it'll all be OK. That's what social media tells us. So who is this person with baby sick on their t-shirt? Who always forgets something as they leave the house, or who turns up to work with toddler's toys in their bag? A panel of writers and bloggers share true stories of life at the coalface of parenting, including Matt Coyne (Man vs Baby), Kathryn Wallace (I Know, I Need To Stop Talking), and Liz Berry (The Republic of Motherhood).

**Town Hall, Victoria Sq, Bham B3 3DQ. T: 0121 780 3333. £10, £8 concs.
2pm. www.thsh.co.uk**



Sat 12 Oct: **Fat Penguin's**

Birmingham Comedy Festival Improvised Comedy All-Dayer

Join Fat Penguin and eight great improv groups for a full day of hair-raising made-up-on-the-spot larks, concluding in a giant improv jam!

The Ol' Bill vs Coventry Improv

The Ol' Bill: A Post-Brexit Improvised Police Drama. In the dystopia of post-Brexit London, police carry guns, smoking is allowed indoors and there is a killer stalking the streets. Plus, tune in for this week's episode of Audience-Decides-Title-of-a-Daytime-Drama courtesy of Coventry Improv. **1pm-2.30pm**



Discount Comedy Checkout vs Stealing the Show

Running for 11 years, Leeds' DCC bring 5-star rated 100% raw and unscripted short form improv to the table! Meanwhile Stealing The Show build a crack heist team, an impenetrable vault, and perform a fantastic/farcical raid that will have you laughing all the way to the bank. What will they steal? How will they steal it? It's all up to you!

2.30pm-4pm



Up the Antics vs Mind Meld

Chester's Monica and David, and Nottingham's Liam and Emily perform a Mind Meld with the audience to



create TJ and Dave-style slow burn scenes. Hailing from Bristol, Up The Antics are a group of miscreants, vagabonds and rebellious spirits with a growing reputation who are influenced by UCB style improv.

4pm-5.30pm

Long Boi and the Noise vs The Jazz Police

Join Long Boi and The Noise as they conga-line into the ultimate combination of improvised comedy entertainment and party magic. Be dazzled by dramatic delights and marvel at the majesty of spontaneous sketch. The Jazz Police are a bunch of West Country loose cannons who are rocking the comedy boat with high quality longform improv. **5.30pm-7pm**



Shaken, Not Stirred: The Birmingham Comedy Festival Improv Jam

Shaking things up with a monster improv jam featuring a bunch of comedy nerds from all over the country, playing around without a script like a bunch of childish idiots. A never to be repeated finale!

8.30pm-11pm

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Monday 14 October, 8pm



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Sat 12 Oct:

Mr Badger: Punching Down

Punching Down is one man's, well, badger's story, showing the highs and many, many lows of his unfortunate existence. Expect deranged songs, the occasional terrible magic trick, and a fair bit of outrageous talk from a person not aware of what is or isn't offensive...

1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. T: 0121 233 2693. Pay What You Want. 7pm
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Sat 12 Oct:

Kamikaze Club's Panel Show: A Quest For Points

The Kamikaze Club's renowned



live panel show returns. Expect hilarity, questions, singing, challenges, games, a swear jar, acting, maybe a military coup, and a whole lot more while contestants quest .. for .. points!
1000 Trades, 16 Frederick St, Bham B1 3HE. T: 0121 233 2693. Pay What You Want. 9pm
facebook.com/TheKamikazeClub

Sat 12 Oct: The Orchestra of Chaos presents: Kebab and A Scuffle

Described as Phoenix Nights meets Pulp Fiction, the musical comedy duo featuring Barry Bling (keyboards) and Mr Velvet (drums) are back for their fourth consecutive festival appearance! With singing, dancing, special guests and two stages of anarchic chaos.
The Spotted Dog, 104 Warwick St, Bham B12 ONH. Donations/ £5. From 9pm.
www.orchestraofchaos.com



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Sun 13 Oct: **Birmingham Comedy Festival FREE Half-Dayer Part 2**

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▼ CHERRY REDS ▼

James Cook: The Show That Literally Nobody Tried To Ban

Sarcastic nonsense, ridiculous stories and crackpot theories. Should this show be banned? You decide! Preferably by coming to see it. **1.15pm**



Trevor Lewis Presents: A Stand-up For The Mystery Hour

Veteran Edinburgh Fringe technician Trevor invites one of his favourite acts from The Fringe to perform their latest show. Who will it be? **2.30pm**



Danny Clives Is Looking To Bang

Join Danny for an hour of comedy where he will be discussing strawberry lip-balms, his goldfish Geoff, and how impressive he thinks murder is. **3.45pm**



Sarah Johnson: Mum's Going To Ibiza

If you were invited to a 50th birthday party in Ibiza, would you go? Can you get a sitter for the kids? Can you get time off work? Do you have £1k spare? To help you decide, Sarah takes you on her journey. **5pm**



**Cherry Reds, 88-92 John Bright Street,
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▼ THE VICTORIA ▼

Foghorn Unscripted: An Improvised Murder

With no script and no plot, Foghorn Unscripted and the audience create a classic whodunnit. Who dies horribly? Who is the murderer? The fate of the characters are in your hands...

1.15pm



Phil Pagett: Live In Concert

Phil returns for a new hour of quickfire one-liners. Join the acclaimed Birmingham gagsmith for an onslaught of silliness with a smattering of smut. **2.30pm**



Craig Deeley: Literally The Joke

As a boy, Craig was constantly told, "It's all a joke to you." Now he shows how he's made this his strategy for dealing with the idiocies and delights of daily life ... **3.45pm**



Board Game Smackdown

Join award-winning comedian and UK board game champion James Cook as he makes funny people play games for our pleasure. **5pm**



**The Victoria, John Bright Street,
Birmingham B1 1BN**

Sun 13 Oct:

Brum Craic: Birmingham Comedy Festival Special

Harriet Dyer has heads turning with her baffling tales of a misspent youth, and bewildering personal tales that are so ridiculous, they must be true. Plus MC Mary Flanagan.

Symphony Hall (stage), Broad St, Bham B1 2EA. T: 0121 780 3333. £5. 8.30pm. www.thsh.co.uk



Sun 13 Oct: Bertie Boulevard's Brilliant Bazaar



Is it a show, a cabaret, or a marketplace of mayhem? Come along to find out as Bertie Boulevard and Friends head

out on an adventure into the lands of ridiculousness, kind hearted stupidity, foolishness and fun!

The Patrick Kavanagh, 142 Trafalgar Rd, Moseley, Bham B13 8BX. T: 0121 449 5176. Free. 9pm. www.fatpenguinimprov.com

Sun 13 Oct:

COBO: Back To The Old Skool

A Black History Month Special featuring acts from your favourite old skool comedy shows, such as Real McCoy, Blouse and Skirt, and The A Force.

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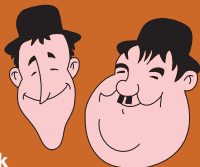
The Glee Club, The Arcadian, Bham B5 4TD. T: 0871 472 0400. From £17.50. 7pm. luventertainment.co.uk



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Sun 13 Oct:

Josh Widdicombe: Bit Much...

Josh is back with a brand new stand up show. A show that will change your life and how you perceive your place in the world. Bit much? Fine, it'll be a very funny night of grumbles and jokes in which Josh will finally tackle the hot comedy topics of advent calendars, pesto and the closing time of his local park.

Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst St, Bham B5 4TB. T: 0844 338 5000. £21. 8pm.

www.birminghamhippodrome.com

Sun 13 Oct:

The Back To Back Murders

When one of the contestants of a Charlie Chaplin look-a-like competition is murdered, it's down to you to interview the other guests and solve the comical mystery – aided (or hindered?) by guests Mr Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. Plus catch a screening of 1930's The Laurel and Hardy Murder

Case, to see how mysteries should really be solved!

Back To Backs, 55-63 Hurst

St, Bham B5 4TE. T: 0121 622 2442. £25. 5pm. www.nationaltrust.org.uk



Sun 13 Oct:

Swann and Blofeld:

Dancing Down The Wicket

The delectable duo of Graeme Swann and Henry Blofeld delve behind the scenes of everyone's favourite dancing show, hear about Henry's latest retirement antics and, of course, share their cricketing reviews and insights on 2019, including the Cricket World Cup, The Ashes and more.

The Old Rep Theatre, Station St, Bham B5 4DY. T: 0121 359 9444. £26. 7.30pm.

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BUT READY
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